

Appl. No. 09/383,629
Amdt. Dated March 15, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 15, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

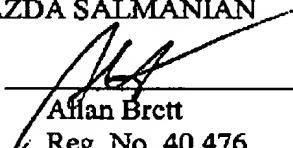
Claims 2 and 20 have been re-written in independent form. The claim dependency of claim 10 has been amended to refer to claim 2 rather than claim 1. Claims 1, 14 to 16, 18 and 19 have been cancelled. With the exception of claim 10, the Examiner has indicated that such amendments should result in the allowance of the claims. Claim 10 is amended to depend upon an allowable claim and should therefore also be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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